

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 26, 2004. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the objections in regards to FIGS. 2, 4, 8, and 10 have been withdrawn.

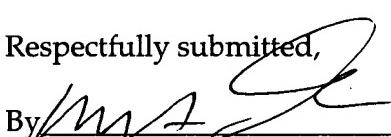
Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kitamura. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that "Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.55." In response, an English-language translation of the priority application and Declaration that the English-language translation is accurate are being filed concurrently herewith. M.P.E.P. § 201.15. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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